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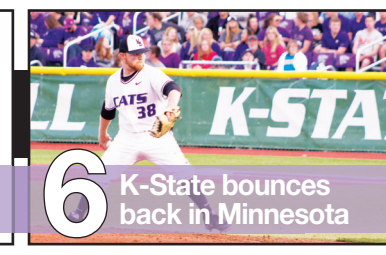
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5 Student tribute to greek house moms



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Two fraternity house moms share joys of job

By Cristy Law
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Cristy Law | THE COLLEGIAN

Tau Kappa Epsilon house mom **Brandi Butler** and Kappa Sigma house mom **Stacy Shaffer** have been friends for more than 18 years, so they value long lasting friendships. One of the many ways both Butler and Shafer said they enjoy being house moms to their respected fraternities is observing fraternity men develop lifelong friendships through brotherhood.

"I used to say the only way I could join Greek life is if I joined a fraternity, and here we are now," Brandi Butler, house mom at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity said.

Butler and her close friend of 18 years, Stacy Shaffer, house mom at Kappa Sigma fraternity, were both K-State graduates. However, neither was part of the Greek system during their college years.

Butler first became interested in being a house mom when she was asked by a co-worker and Clovia sorority member (is that important?) if she'd be interested in applying since their current mom was leaving.

She said she pursued the position and made it to the top two choices. Although she wasn't selected, Butler enjoyed the interviews so much that she was open to trying again.

Her opportunity came in 2007 when Shaffer, told her TKE was looking for a house mom. Shaffer herself has been Kappa Sig's house mom since 2005.

"We like what we do," Butler said. "It's never a dull moment."

Although she lives out-of-house, Butler visits the fraternity house, attends their intramural sports games and philanthropy events and joins them for formal dinner every Wednesday evening.

Kappa Sigma has not had a designated house since last year but Shaffer said living in the previous house with the men was "interesting."

The fraternity still meets on a regular basis in the K-State Studen Union. Shaffer said she loves getting to know all the members and sometimes even their parents.

"One of the things I like most about mom is that she is always there for us," Andrew Van Holland, senior in civic engineering and Kappa Sigma chapter president, said. "It doesn't matter if it's sorting out conflicts between brothers or just hanging out; she always seems to understand that we're college students and know what we need to hear."

Shaffer said being a house mom means being there for the men through their struggles and learning. She said house moms also try to teach them life lessons, including anything from formal dinner etiquette to how to approach and work with people.

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Student's hard work pays off with Employee of the Year award



Kelly Iverson | THE COLLEGIAN

Kyle Hooker, senior in animal sciences and industry, rides a 3-year-old quarter horse Kip at the K-State Horse Unit on April 29. Hooker was just recently announced as K-State's Student Employee of the Year through his passion and hard work at the K-State Horse Unit.

By Carlee Meeks
THE COLLEGIAN

This year, Career and Employment Services will debut its Student Employee of the Year award, which recognizes student employees that go above and beyond to make contributions to the K-State family.

Kyle Hooker, assistant manager of the K-State Horse Unit, is the award's first recipient out of more than 40 nominations for exceptional reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and adherence to the principle of the "Wildcat Way" with his work at the K-State Horse Unit.

Hooker, senior in animal sciences and industry, first started at the Horse Unit his freshman year as an undergraduate employee. Currently, the Horse Unit maintains 70-80 quarter horses and 20-25 broodmares in addition to the several young horses they keep for training classes.

Last year, there was a 10-month period when the Horse Unit did not have a permanent manger so Hooker stepped up to take on the title of assistant manger.

Hooker is in charge of daily care and maintenance, training colts and everyday facility management. The everyday task list at the horse unit varies for Hooker depending on the season.

"It's breeding season right now, so every day we collect stallions to breed mares, as well as contacting stallion and mare owners to work out new breeding contracts for next year," Hooker said.

On top of a busy breeding season, Hooker is also training horses to be sold in a horse sale coming up in Salina.

The work ethic that Hooker possesses has not gone unnoticed. Kallie Emig, Horse Unit manger, said she is impressed with how Hooker stepped up in the assistant manger position.

"Kyle always shows up on time, even before work starts and on weekends to do extra work that I've never asked him to do," Emig said, "He does twice as much work as the other students and goes above and beyond what is expected of him."

Continued on page 7, "Kyle"

Freshman shows promise as Lockett's successor

By Timothy Everson
THE COLLEGIAN

Last Saturday, the K-State football team ran onto Sporting Park's field for their annual spring game. For the first time in four years, however, No. 16 wasn't among the purple and white jerseys, reminding us once again that Tyler Lockett's time with K-State has come to an end.

With Lockett gone, a gap has formed not only at the wide receiver position, but also in the return game where Lockett will remain as one of the best in K-State and Big 12 history.

Last weekend's game may have hinted at who on head coach Bill Snyder's squad can step up and close the gap.

Blazing down the field at Sporting Park was a name not too many Wildcat fans were familiar with. But, by the end of the scrimmage, it was on the tip of the tongue of almost every purple patron in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dominique Heath, a redshirt freshman from Huntersville, North Carolina, was arguably the star on Saturday. From his electrifying 59-yard kick return to start off the game to his 75-yard punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, Heath racked up 374 return yards in a dominant performance.

"It felt good," Heath said. "Especially with me redshirting, this was really my first game since high school. So just getting back on the field and getting out there and moving around and just playing ball again, getting back in rhythm, (was great)."

Snyder, who in the past had all punts fair caught in spring games to prevent injuries, decided to have allow his return specialists to display their abilities.

Heath took advantage of that decision.

"We just needed to work on our special teams," Snyder said. "We did it exactly the way we practiced it with exception that we allowed them to be tackled. I thought Heath did a very nice job and bested some people. I think he is very, very viable. Now we just need to get some people to help him and get some blockers in front of him."

Part of Heath's progression as a return man is credited to a very important redshirt year last season where he was able to witness Lockett's playmaking abilities firsthand.

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Freshman wide-receiver **Dominique Heath** takes the ball downfield during the annual Purple/White Spring Game at the Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas on April 25.

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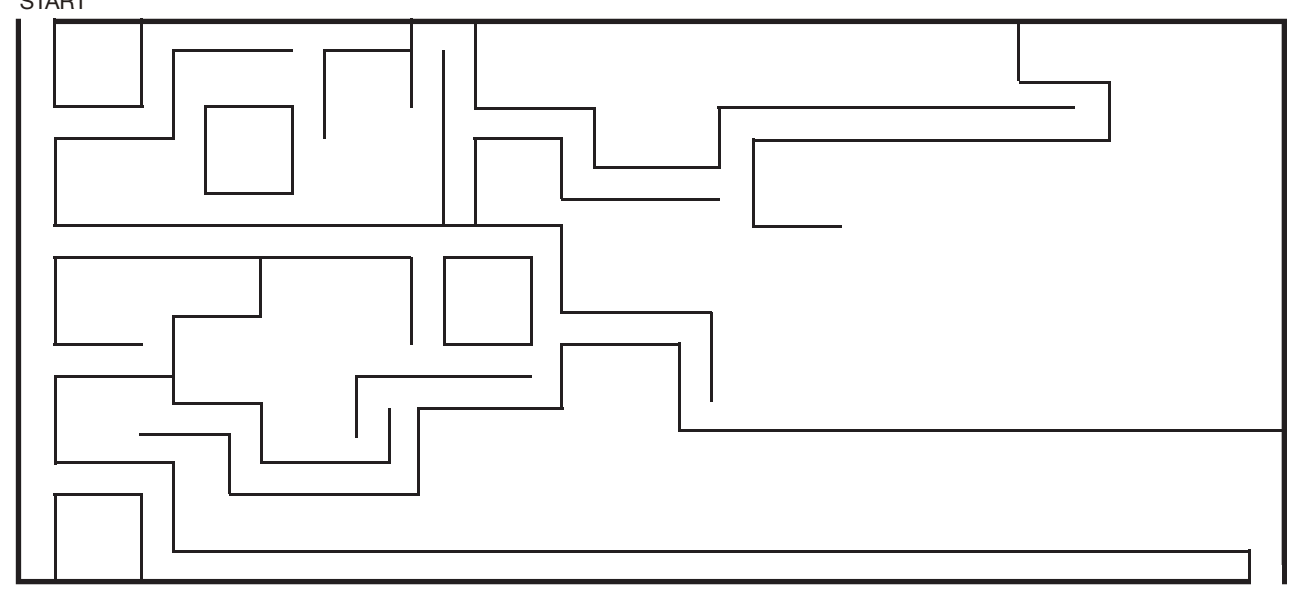
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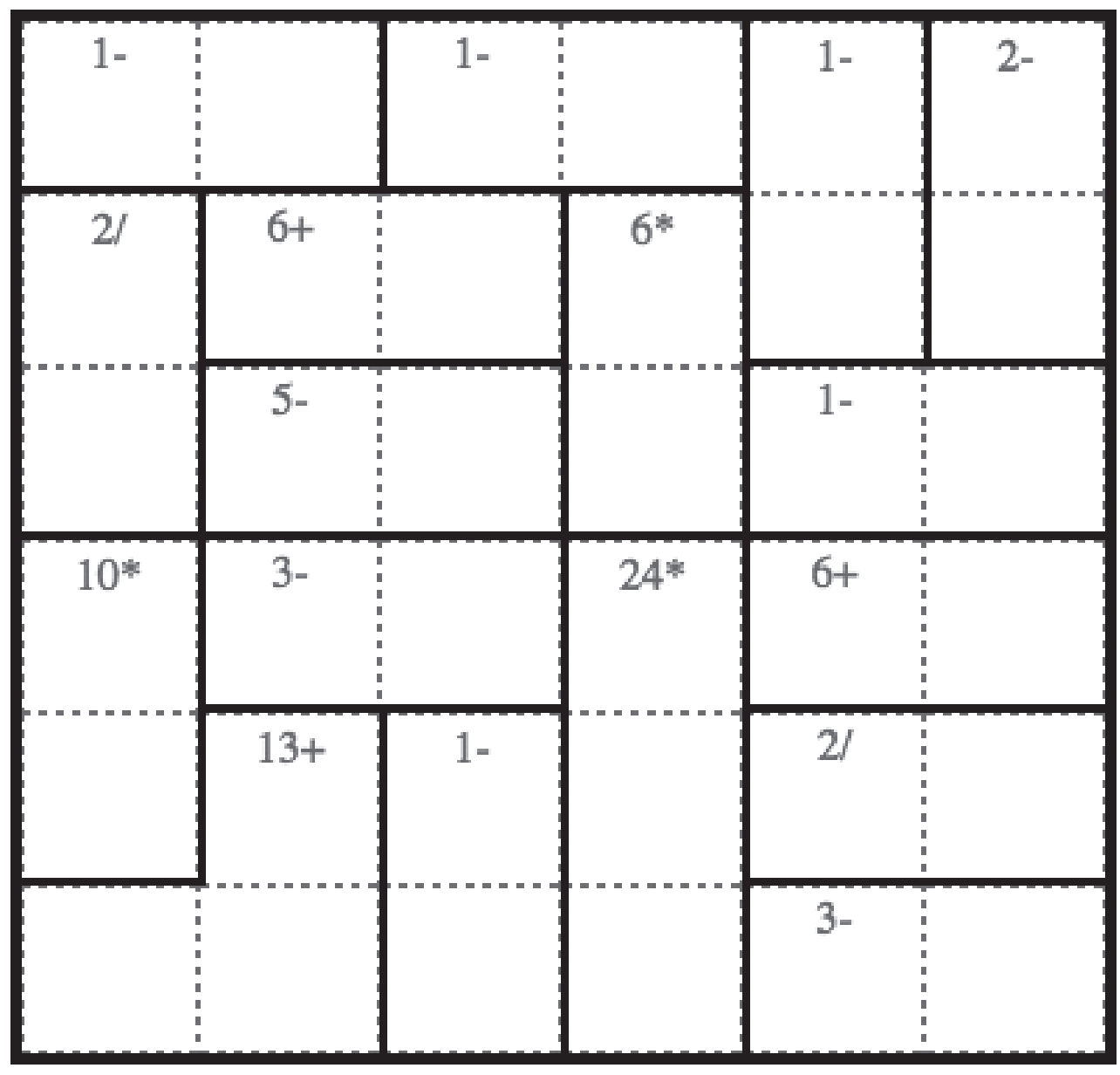
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Staying healthy requires effort

By Ashley Curran
THE COLLEGIAN



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For students to maximize their healthy habits, they must think critically about what they consume.

Many people believe one of the most rewarding things you can do for yourself is to take care of your body and maintain healthy habits. While being healthy feels good, there's a lot of work that goes into watching your health.

Have you ever heard the myth about being able to eat whatever you want as long as you exercise? Unfortunately, it's exactly that: a myth. Trying to out exercise with a bad diet usually lands people in a giant pile of "you tried."

To maximize your health, you must to eat well, exercise the recommended amount for your unique self and even inform yourself on how to be psychologically healthy.

Exercise

Exercise is determined on two factors: time and type. It depends on the duration of the workout and what kind of results the person is looking for.

If a person is looking to lose more fat mass, they should turn to aerobic exercises. Aerobic exercises include activities such as running, endurance training and swimming.

Taylor Sweet, freshman in kinesiology, said aerobic exercise uses a specific type of energy pathway that uses fatty acids, which ends up breaking down more fat.

If the person is looking to gain more muscle mass, they should turn to anaerobic exercises. Anaerobic exercises include actives such as high intensity interval training, circuits, squats and deadlifts. Sweet said these exercises use more creatine phosphate, which helps burn fat and build muscle.

"Exercise contributes to positive health, helps deal with modern chronic diseases (heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity) and is used an a rehabilitation technique (osteoporosis)," Sweet said.

Even low intensity exercise increases the number of lymphocytes (white blood cells) in the body and helps the immune system, according to Sweet.

Exercising increases dopamine levels and certain hormones that make you feel better. Jessica Williamson, instructor for psychological sciences, said dopamine also serves to reduce anxiety, stress and depression.

> **"Fad diets are not something to turn to."**
>
> Amanda Wilder
> *Graduate research assistant*

Eat right

Along with exercising, staying healthy requires watching how you fuel your body. Our bodies feel better when we fuel it with the right types of foods.

"It's important to read the nutrition labels on foods and plan ahead," Amanda Wilder, graduate student in food science and research assistant, said.

It is helpful to plan out how you want to eat and how you can accomplish eating that way. Nutrition labels are key to finding out information such as the amount of calories, sugar, sodium, vitamins and other things.

When reading nutrition labels, you are providing yourself with knowledge of the food industry. If you're looking to cut out sugars or have a certain allergy, reading the nutrition label can extremely beneficial, Wilder said.

If you don't have experience reading nutrition labels, you can always ask your doctor, a nutritionist or even find the information on the internet. This can help you learn a lot about what can be considered "good" and "bad" for your diet.

When watching how you eat, eating consistently and in moderation is essential to maintaining a healthy diet. Wilder said skipping meals and binge eating is not healthy.

"Fad diets are not something to turn to because you end up losing a lot nutrients and eventually you gain all of the weight back," Wilder said. "Balanced diets, knowing what foods are good to eat and your health history are key to a healthy diet."

One type of food you should pay attention to are super foods. Super foods are nutrient dense. You are able to get a great amount of nutrients with a small amount of these foods. If you understand nutrients, you can find out what kinds of super foods would benefit you. For example, you would have to drink more milk to get the same nutrients that you could get from a smaller amount of spinach, making the spinach a super food.

Vegan and vegetarian diets have the possibility of being risky but this can also be avoided. Animals provide us with amino acids that we don't make and they're beneficial to our health. Along with fad diets, vegan and vegetarians diets lack some nutrients. There are supplements that you can take but they are regulated by the FDA and may be harder to get, Wilder said.

Live well

The run down on health normally strikes people as an exercise and eating habits formula, but there's more to it. Every single one us runs into stressors during our every day lives. Stressors are the things that cause us stress and too much stress can take a really bad toll on your health. This relates to health on a psychology point of view.

Especially as college students, we experience all sorts of stress from our personal lives, work and school activities.

Williamson said there are five personality traits: openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism. How stress affects you depends on what kind levels of each personality you hold.

There are two ways to cope with stress: problem-focused coping and emotional-focused coping.

Problem-focused coping is a way to cope by focusing on the problem and deciding how to deal with it, whereas emotional-focused coping avoids the problem. If there's absolutely nothing you can do about a situation emotion-focused coping is best but if it's a general thing causing stress then a problem-focused coping approach would be best.

Williamson said problem-focused coping increases your ability to deal better with stressors even stressors such as traumatic events.

"College is stressful and adjusting to take the approach of looking at it as a learning experience can help you deal with the stress," Williamson said."College is an opportunity for growth."

Health is a two-way street because you will get what exactly what you put in. Watch those calories, portion sizes, learn how to properly deal with stress and get your daily exercise in.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled by Chloe Creager

K-State awards $500,000 in grants to boost research for global food systems

According to K-State News and Communications Services, K-State awarded $500,000 of Global Food Systems Innovation Grants to faculty members who are focusing on some global food challenges caused by a rapidly increasing human population.

The distribution of the grants was announced by Karen Burg, vice president for research.

"Given the importance of food production to the Kansas economy, the innovative technologies and knowledge generated from this initiative will lay a solid foundation for economic development within the state and help Kansas remain a leader in food production," Burg said in the news release.

Funds for the grants were provided by the Kansas Department of Commerce and directed through the Global Foods Systems Initiative announced in January 2014.

Burg said in the news release that these awards will help continue research that will help K-State become a Top 50 public research university by 2025.

Coffman chair aims to bring faculty engagement back into classroom

Don Saucier, K-State's 2015-16 Coffman chair for distinguished teaching scholars, is aiming to improve faculty engagement and enjoyment while teaching.

According to K-State News and Communications, Saucier will spend the next year as Coffman chair researching how professors' positive experiences in classrooms reflects in student experiences.

"I'm very interested in the faculty experience in the classroom," Saucier said in the news release. "I'm testing the trickle down engagement process — that faculty engagement leads to student engagement, which leads to student learning."

Saucier will be expanding some of his pilot studies with the upcoming year's research. He also has support from K-State's Teaching and Learning Center and K-State First, a program dedicated to helping first-year students through smaller classes and mentors.

"We already have some pilot data that suggest students want their instructors to be engaged in the classroom and they think it helps them learn better," Saucier said in the news release. "We've seen really good outcomes with student and faculty engagement, experiences and performance in the K-State First program pilot data."

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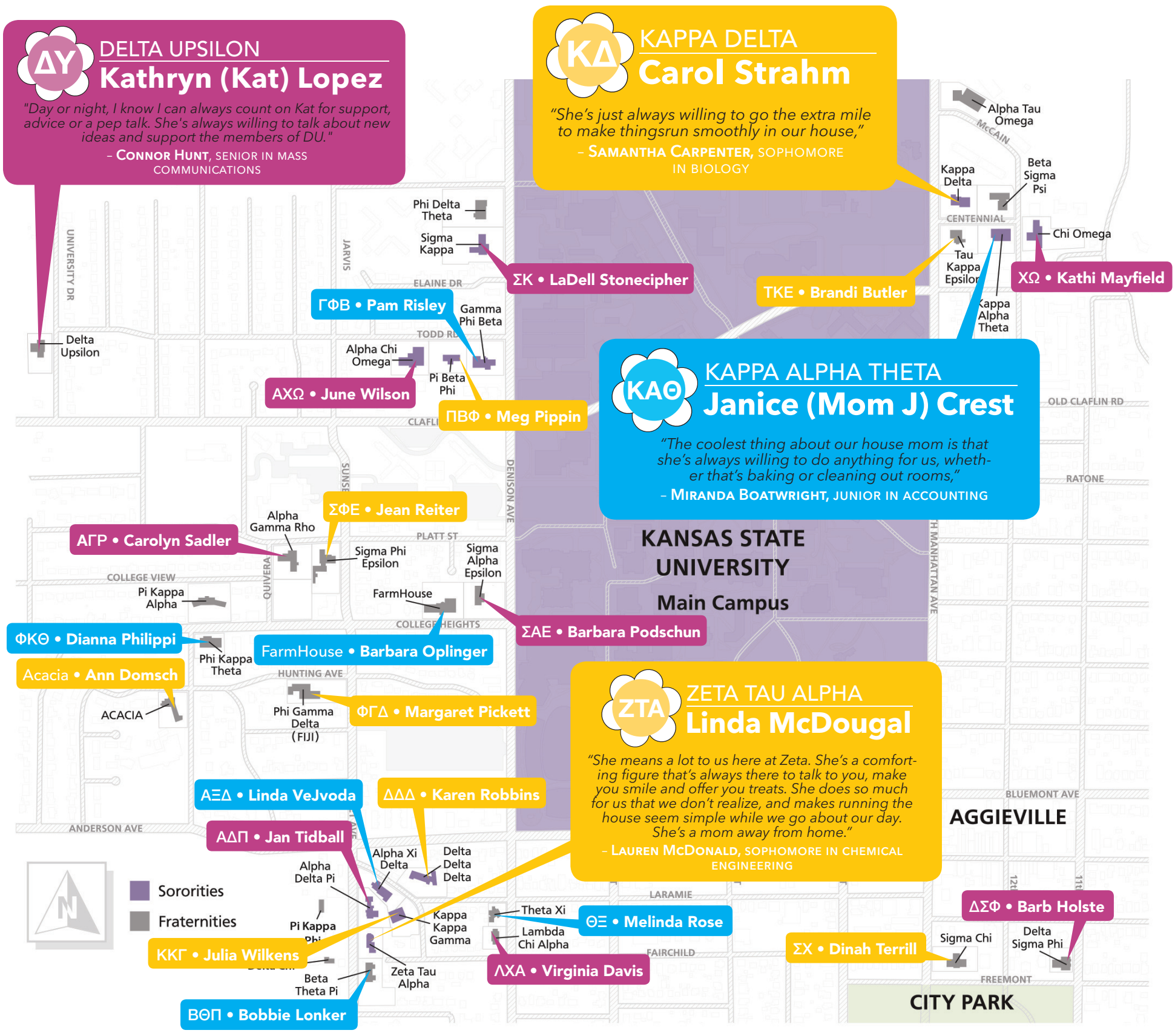
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House moms serve as mom-away-from-home for countless young women



Bridget Beran
The Collegian

When I joined Alpha Chi Omega, I knew I would make great friends, lasting memories and have a great big house to roam around in. What I never expected was that our house mom would become one of the strongest guiding forces in my life.

From the very beginning, I heard stories about how kind and loving June Wilson was and how close I would grow to her yet I never really fully understood it. Once I moved into my chapter house, that all changed.

In my sorority, our house mom serves as so much more than just some older woman who watches over our house and tries to keep us somewhat in line. She serves as a true mom away from home. I have watched Wilson patch up hemlines and hearts, and welcome a new batch of women into our house and her heart year after year.

She is the first person to scold me into going to the doctor, even after I assure her that really, it's just a cold. She's the sounding board on whether or not the skirt I just got makes me look like a mom. When I found out I got my dream internship, she was the first person I ran to tell,and when I found out I didn't get a position that meant a lot to me, I cried on her shoulder. She takes each one of "her girls" in and makes us feel loved, welcome and at home.

While a sorority house can be loads of fun and a great place to live, it can also be noisy and a bit chaotic. Our house mom's room serves as a refuge from the antics of our sisters. I've spent countless hours sitting on Wilson's couch, talking through my life decisions, hearing about campus going-ons and sharing tons of laughter. I was warned freshmen year that her room was a black hole, because women would pop in to ask her a quick question and wind up staying and talking to her for hours, and I have to say that is incredibly true.

My house mom has become so much more than just an overseeing eye on our house in her years with us. She has become the heart of our home, the mom we all need when we are hours away from our own and one of the binding forces of our house. She supports us in a way I thought only a mom could, and loves each of us like her own.

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HOUSE MOM APPRECIATION

Why we couldn't survive college without our house moms

By Keeli Hostetler
THE COLLEGIAN

In case you've been hiding under a rock, college is full of stressful deadlines and long hours of studying. I know I'm not alone when I say that sometimes all I want is my mom. Moms and grandmas always seem to know exactly what to say to make things better. If you live in a greek house, consider yourself lucky because you've got the next best thing ... a house mom.

House directors, commonly known as house moms, live in greek chapter houses to keep things in order. House moms do everything from plan meals, keep the house in line and most importantly, be a support system for the members of the house.

Linda VeJvoda, also known as Mom V, is the house mom for Alpha Xi Delta. VeJvoda's favorite thing about being a house mom is the collective sound of joy from living with such wonderful women.

"Being a mom is a very natural thing for me and brings me great joy," VeJvoda said.

Mom V said being a house mom is important because there's an advantage in having a face-to-face conversation with somebody that you know cares about you.

"It is very reassuring to have somebody available that has life experience," VeJvoda said.

Hailey Walstad, sophomore in history and marketing from Frisco, Texas, lives in the sorority Alpha Delta Pi. Walstad, like many other students, has had to adjust to being many hours away from her mom.

"It's nice having a mother figure in the house that I can go to for anything," Walstad said.

House moms are known for doing little gestures for the members to make them feel at home. Walstad said there have been many times when Alpha Delta Pi house mom, Jan Tidball or Mom Jan, bakes treats for her women and even gives them rides to class.

Although house moms love doing little favors for the sorority or fraternity members, they do much more than just that. Sometimes just being there for the members is the reason we appreciate our house moms so much.

According to a Transition Year report, titled, "Emotional Health & Your College Student: A Guide for Parents" the Jed Foundation and mtvU conducted a survey that showed 63 percent of students would turn to a their family in emotional distress.

As much as we sometimes hate to admit it, we couldn't get through the hard days without our folks. Being so far away from that support system can be very difficult for many students. It is important for college students to be able to talk to someone who will remind them that it's going to be okay. Many of us are hours from our parents, and this is where house moms come in.

House moms provide endless hours of support and encouragement. Whether it's watching all of our intramural games or making us study snacks, we are all comforted by the motherly support our house moms show us everyday. I think I can speak for everyone when I say house moms make college feel a little bit more like home.

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K-State house moms keep life interesting outside of greek chapters

By Allie Hennes
THE COLLEGIAN

From caring for around 60 students and providing supervision to managing the day-to–day operations of the home, it is no wonder that fraternity and sorority house directors need a break every once and awhile.

Still, many wonder what "house moms" do when not supervising K-State's greek houses. After all, just like students, they have a life outside of greek life too.

"I have a home in Manhattan and I have a sister who lives in town," Jan Tidball, house director of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, said. "I oftentimes go to my home and we play card games on Friday and Saturday nights."

Tidball goes home about once a day to pick up her mail and also does her laundry there, but spends the majority of her time at 518 Sunset Ave. with the women of Alpha Delta Pi.

While not all of the house moms have an additional permanent residence in Manhattan, they still find ways of relaxing for awhile.

"Every Thursday at 2 p.m., we (house moms) go to Bluestem and have coffee," Linda McDougal, house director Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said. "We discuss upcoming activities, share ideas and socialize."

When McDougal is not managing Zeta Tau Alpha, she relaxes by playing Candy Crush on her iPad and watching movies.

McDougal recently moved from Texas for this position and said when she is out running errands, she takes the time to get familiar with Manhattan. McDougal said she has also enjoyed getting to know the other house moms.

"All of them are a great group of people. We all share the common goal of operating the home and taking care of the girls."

Linda McDougal
House mother, Zeta Tau Alpha

"It has been invaluable becoming close with the other house directors," McDougal said. "All of them are a great group of people. We all share the common goal of operating the home and taking care of the girls."

While all the house directors have various ways of keeping busy, Melinda Rose, house director of Theta Xi fraternity, also has a full time job.

"I am a para(educator)," Rose said. "I am gone from 8:05 (a.m.) to 4:05 (p.m.)."

She said the Theta Xi fraternity men are very supportive of her having a full-time job and know that she loves teaching, however Rose still makes it a priority to spend time with them by attending their various sporting events. She even sticks around when the fraternity hosts events.

"I live in my quarters and have my own separate entrance," Rose said. "I am usually around for the parties and I make an appearance."

Even with a busy schedule, Rose still makes time for herself and partakes in social events with the other house directors. She walks campus and to the park often.

"Oftentimes, other house moms and myself might go see a movie at the Union," Rose said.

Rose also said she feels fortunate that she is able to maintain close proximity with her family, who are only a short drive away. This year, she said, she was able to host Christmas here for her family.



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K-State blasts Minnesota to split series with shutout performance in final game



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Junior pitcher **Brandon Erickson** prepares to make a quick launch at Wichita State's batter during the game on April 14 at Tointon Family Stadium.

BASEBALL

By Timothy Everson
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After an unsettling offensive performance Tuesday in which K-State baseball registered one hit and zero runs, the Wildcats bounced back with vengeance to record a 9-0 shutout over Minnesota Wednesday to split the two-game midweek series in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It took a village to raise K-State's third shutout of the season, spearheaded by junior starter Brandon Erickson. Four of the five pitchers who saw action Wednesday recorded two strikeouts or more.

"The pitching staff was the name of the game today," K-State head coach Brad Hill told K-State Sports. "Erickson had a good bounce-back start. From there, we just continued that string of zeroes (on the scoreboard). A lot of credit goes to our pitching staff."

K-State started the scoring off early with four runs on three hits in the first inning, including three singles, a fly out and multiple walks.

After just seven Wildcats reached base Tuesday, only one of which on a base hit, K-State was able to have at least one man on base every inning.

The Wildcats plated two more runs in the sixth inning as both freshman outfielder Sam Chadick and sophomore infielder Jake Wodtke sacrificed to score sophomore catcher Alex Bee and junior infielder Tyler Wolfe. That extended the lead to 6-0.

Prompted by junior infielder Tyler Moore's first-career triple, K-State would add another run in the seventh inning. Moore reached home on sophomore outfielder Keith Browning's sacrifice fly to centerfield.

Finally, in the ninth inning, after the Gophers walked Wolfe, junior infielder Steve Serratore hit a two-run home run to cement the 9-0 scoreline. It was his first big fly of the season.

"(Meyer) had trouble with his command, so we got some help in the first," Hill said. "We had some guys that did not get over-amped, with (Serratore) and the big hit keeping the rally going early in that inning. After that, it was a good job by the guys with plate discipline, not leaving the zone and making sure to get some runs up on the board."

With the win, K-State moves to 21-23 on the season. The Wildcats' rare midseason nonconference slate continues this weekend in Manhattan against Arkansas State beginning on Friday.

Wildcats card lowest round of Big 12 Championship

MEN'S GOLF

By Andrew Hammond
THE COLLEGIAN

Although the K-State men's golf team was nowhere near the top of the leaderboard at the Big 12 Men's Golf Championship, the team's play in the final round Wednesday was encouraging for first-year head coach Grant Robbins.

"This was a tough way to end the season, but I'm proud of the guys for the way they handled themselves," Robbins told K-State Sports.

The Wildcats finished in ninth place with a 89-over par 1,209 for the three-day event in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The team, however, shot their lowest round total of the tournament Wednesday with a 16-over par 296.

The duo of sophomores Matt Green and Hank Simpson helped lead the charge Wednesday. Green's steady play throughout the tournament earned him a top-20 finish with a score of 16-over par 296. Simpson's day was highlighted by birdies on three-straight holes. He finished Wednesday's final round at four-over par 74.

While the Wildcats were fighting at the bottom of the leaderboard, it was Texas who continued its mastery of the course by sweeping the team and individual competition. The Longhorns' Scottie Scheffler was the lone competitor to card a score at even par, which was good enough to crown him with the Big 12 individual title.

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HOUSE MOMS | There for 'guidance'

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"There's a lot of a frustration along the way, but also success," Shaffer said.

Christoffer Burgweger, sophomore in industrial engineering and member of TKE, said he appreciates Butler's cheerful attitude.

"My favorite thing about her is her attitude, she always comes over with the biggest smile and is always eager to hear about all of our days and what's new in our lives," Burgweger said. "She's genuinely just a great person."

House moms are always up for giving life-advice, but said (who said?) sometimes the best they can do is step back, observe and wait until the men ask for their opinion.

"We're there for guidance, not discipline," Shaffer said. "All we can do is suggest, tell them what we think, and be honest with them."

They are also there for the men with more technical things. Butler said she grew up in Manhattan, so she has a lot of connections and often knows people to call when the men need prospects for their philanthropy. She's also the go-to person when the men need to borrow something, such as a grill for a powderpuff game.

"I've even been to the hospital with one of my boys before," Shaffer said.

Besides supporting the men with moral and technical support, house moms also like to hang out with them and do fun things together.

Shaffer enjoys karaoke with the Kappa Sig men, while Butler likes TKE's blacklight parties and luaus. Both women also take pleasure in fun traditions at formal dinner.

In her first year as a house mom, Shaffer said she was surprised to see how few of the men were used to eating dinner together in the dining room. Everyone always wanted to go to the living room or ate on the go. Once they were introduced to dinners and socializing together, they became enthusiastic about it and actually started looking forward to it.

Shaffer's favorite memory at Kappa Sigma formal dinners was having "one bite challenges" in which the men tried to fit a whole piece of cake or other desert into one bite. She always saved it till the very end and loved seeing the anxious looks of the men waiting to see if their hostess would allow them to do the challenge that night.

Butler said she enjoys the pie eating contests.

"They always have two freshmen do it and it's very messy and funny," Butler said.

Butler and Shaffer both said one of their favorite parts of being house moms, in addition to fun experiences, is watching the relationships between the fraternity brothers grow and develop.

Butler said it is a very special thing to watch lifelong friendships develop among fraternity brothers.

"My dad, who just turned 70, still gets together with his fraternity brothers at a barber shop once a month," Butler said.

Shaffer said she likes seeing friendships forming with freshman coming into the house and the way the their leadership abilities emerge. she said she always asks incoming freshmen the question "If you could be any part of a major league baseball game, what would it be?" and can then tell who will be the leaders or who will be the followers by their answers.

"One of the most interesting answers I've ever gotten was 'I wanna be the ball because without it the game can't be played,'" Shaffer said.

Another pleasure of being a house mom for Butler and Shaffer is seeing men graduate, grow up, succeed, overcome obstacles and more. Both said they love seeing how the men's lives progress.

In many cases, the house moms and the men develop relationships that last even after their years at K-State. Whether it's trying to learn the incoming freshmen's names at serenades when they're all lined up, or seeing them grown up and getting married with some of their fraternity brothers alongside them as groomsmen, Butler and Shaffer said they thoroughly enjoy being house moms.

"They all have such different personalities and quirks and I like them all," Butler said. "They're just fun and keep us on our toes."

KYLE | Senior says award winner was 'remarkable' with Horse Unit

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One of the aspects that Hooker said he enjoys about this job is the training the colts; so far he has trained around 20.

"It's fun to see how differently each of the colts ends up handling after you train each of them," Hooker said.

Emig vouched for how much effort and attention Hooker has put into those colts and the program.

"Kyle also has taken great pride in starting colts through the K-State program and has gone above and beyond the required and expected training that the student employees give their colts," Emig said.

Tanner Brunner, senior in animal sciences and industry, said he has taken notice of all the work Hooker has put in at the Horse Unit.

"It was really remarkable how he stepped up to mange the Horse Unit as an undergrad when they we in-between hiring a new manager," Brunner said.

Hooker has looked at winning the award as a humbling experience.

"Since we are such a big agricultural school and I am able to represent the animal science department, and specifically the equine department, it makes me feel like I have made a contribution to the unique experiences that students have the opportunity to have when they come to Kansas State," Hooker said.

HEATH | Lockett 'taught me a lot'

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"Coming in as a freshman, I wanted to get on the field," Heath said. "When they told me I was redshirting, I was upset with it. But I stepped back and looked, and I learned from (Lockett). It really helped me, especially going into this year, in what I needed to work on and just watching him overall as a person. He taught me a lot of things."

Heath could become the face of one of the best return units in college football. Since 1999, K-State leads the country in non-offensive touchdowns scored and has gone 10-straight seasons with a kick return for a touchdown, which also leads the nation.

The shoes that Heath will have to fill are large but the freshman is not daunted by the large shadow cast by Lockett's legacy. Heath even has his eye on possibly rewriting a couple of record books before his time in Manhattan is through.

"Me and Lockett, we joke around," Heath said. "I told him I'm coming for all of his records. Receiving, kick return and punt returning. We take it very seriously."

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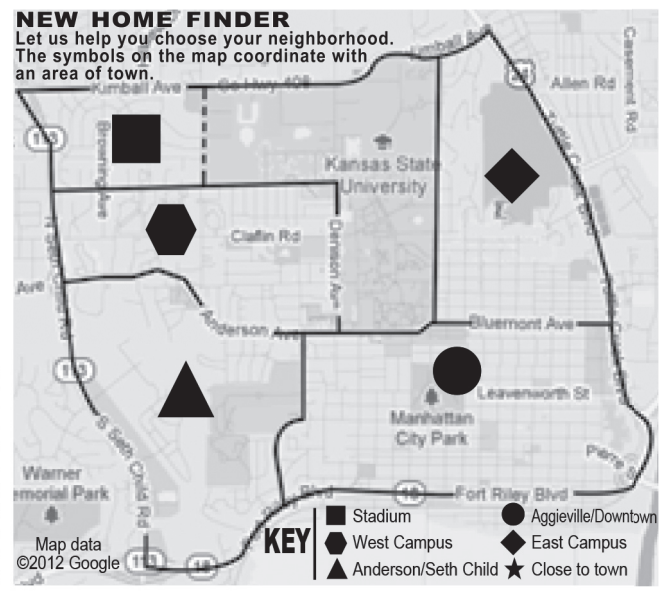
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